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Estates Land Act

Consideration of reports regarding Estates Land Act (Amendment) Bill.

* 396 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the reports made by the Board of Revenue and the Collectors in connexion with the Estates Land Act (Amendment) Bill have been considered by the Government ; and

(b) whether the Bill will be introduced in the Council and, if so, when ?

A.—(a) No reports were made by the Collectors to the Government. Certain matters relating to the Bill were referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks. The Board's report has been received and is under consideration.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the latter part of the answer to question No. 174 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 9th August 1929.

Land Revenue (Establishment)

Alleged supplies to the Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur.

* 397 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur in the Chingleput district gets, while on tour, supplies of not only necessaries but also luxuries from his subordinate officials ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar does not pay for the things supplied to him, while on tour ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Saidapet, takes with him while on tour, a large number of his relatives ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer does not pay for the things supplied to him ;

(e) whether any representation has been made to the District Collector on the matter referred to in (c) and (d) or in (a) and (b) ; and

(f) what steps the Government propose to take to put an end to such a state of things ?

A.—(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

(f) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the rules laid down in Board's Standing Order No. 113, Volume I.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Has the Government made any enquiries into the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" No, Sir. I understand from clause (e) of the question that representations have been made to the District Collector ; it is implied in the question. If so, the District Collector will no doubt make all due enquiries."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Will the Government be pleased to ask the Collector to enquire into the matter and inform him that the reputation of these officers of the Chingleput district is scandalously bad in regard to this matter ? "